

REMARKS

I. Response to Rejections under 35 USC § 103(a)

At page 2, item 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-19 and 29-50 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over newly discovered issued US patent to Castell (US 6,717,801) in view of Jones (US 6,509,876). The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection since the combination of Jones and Castell would destroy the essential features of Castell.

In Castell, a standardized RF module insert for a portable electronic processing device is disclosed. Castell includes a detachable molding elements that having communications circuitry encased in a shell that attaches to an outer surface of the portable device. In Castell, the detachable element is illustrated as a single, monolithic device that is either inserted or removed as a single piece. The device of Castell is neither expandable nor retractable.

In contrast to Castell, Jones includes and antenna attached to a retractable platform that is movable between an extended and a retracted position. Thus, when Castell and Jones are combined, the resulting module seems entirely unworkable. The module of Castell, being designed as a single, monolithic, detachable device does not lend itself to having an extended and a retracted position as the module of Jones appears to be. Thus, the Applicant respectfully asserts that the combination of Jones and Castell would destroy the essential "expandable and retractable" features of Castell.

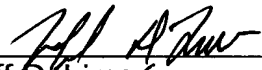
Accordingly, the Applicant requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and pass this Application onto allowance.

III. Additional Fees

It is not believed that additional fees are due at this time; however, if any additional fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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